

STRAW FAMILY "AIR MAIL" Newsletter

Health & Hope for Central Africa
February 2007

Launching air ambulance service in Central Africa & joining disciple-making efforts with local churches

BOATLOAD OF BLESSINGS! We are happy to report some exciting developments:

>Website Donation- The generous folks at Elexio, a website design company (Elizabethtown, PA), have donated a free website for us! We plan to use this tool as a family website- more information to follow! A special thanks to Tim Buehler for all his assistance with this.

>Bongolo Bonds- Nearly 50% of our family support is in place! Please consider joining our financial partners, many of whom have purchased a "Bond" or two, at \$50 a month. It is important that momentum continues. See below for details on joining the team.

>Gabonese Gov't- Serge Batouboko, Bongolo Hospital Administrator, and Dr. David Thompson, Hospital Director, were recently asked by the President of Gabon for a list of items that they would like! Among the list is duty free shipping for Air Calvary. This is a monumental blessing! Please pray.

>Californian Connections- Imagine how thrilled we were when the Neighborhood Alliance Church of Redding, CA invited us to make several connections during their missions conference, Mar. 2nd-9th. Incredibly, we already had airfare to CA purchased for a previous engagement that had cancelled during those exact dates! Our sovereign Lord is truly looking after us.

>Potential Partnerships- Air Calvary's networking with mission aviation organizations and personnel is on the rise! This is a crucial element- our success will depend upon strong partners for consultation, logistics support, & encouragement. A huge "thank you" to those encouraging our efforts thus far- MAF, SIL/JAARS, Great Commission Air, Preferred Airparts, AimAir, and more!

>IFAP Progress- Alace and I have cleared the psychological evaluation with the Int'l Fellowship of Alliance Professionals! We are very thankful for this growing connection with the C&MA.

ROAD TRIP UPDATE- 17 locations visited, 33 presentations to date! We now are so pleased to have connected with so many people and groups. We have a limited amount of dates remaining available. If you would like us to come pay you or your church a visit, contact us ASAP.

TIMELINE UPDATE *Subject to Change!

2/11: [Penns Valley Community Church](#), Centre Hall, PA (livepraylove.com)

Spring '07: Speaking engagements / Language tutoring / Fund raising

3/3-3/11: Presentations in California (TBA) (ncredning.com)

4/20: Alace making presentation at Alliance Women Retreat, Eastern PA

5/22-5/27: C&MA General Council, Orlando (cmalliance.org/council/council.jsp)
7/23 - 8/3: Pilot-Mechanic evaluation (MAF-\$2500), Idaho (maf.org)
8/6 - 8/24: Family Cross-Cultural Training (MTI-\$7000), CO Springs (mti.org)
Late August: Int'l Fellowship of Alliance Professionals Interview, CO
Fall '07: Ten month Language Immersion school, France (CEF- \$5000/mo.)(
temanet.org/cef/)
Summer '08: Pre-deployment Pilot/Mechanic prep, Idaho
Summer/Fall '08: Deployment to Gabon, Africa

SPONSORING AGENCY INFORMATION:

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DONATIONS: Be a "Bongolo Bond(s)" Partner! (Monthly donation of \$50)

- > WEBSITE: Visit "www.Aircalvary.com/contribute" and make a secure transaction with a credit/debit card. Please designate "Gabon Family"
- > MAIL: Mail your donations to "Air Calvary- Gabon Project, P.O. Box 727, Bedford Hills, NY 10507-0727". In the memo of your check, please note "Gabon family".

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FEBRUARY '07 CHECKLIST:

- Pray for health and preparation for our kids: Joey (12), Megan (10), & Samuel (8).
- Pray for effective language study with our tutor, Andrew Knisely. It's very challenging!
- Pray for momentum with "Bongolo Bonds" funding team- min.10% increase every month.
- Pray for many new opportunities to share the vision in 2007.
- Pray for provision of adequate aircraft (single-engine, turbine powered preferred)
- Pray for continued progress with the Christian & Missionary Alliance (IFAP)
- Pray for God to provide a company with heavy road equipment to make enhancements to the Bongolo Hospital airstrip for a reasonable fee (under \$40,000).

Partner With Us!

- > Spread the word! Share this newsletter with friends & family. Help our mailing list expand!
- > Be an Advocate! Host a presentation with a gathering of friends &/or your church.
- > Join the Funding Team! Consider one or two Bongolo Bonds or a one-time gift.
- > Pray! This effort is desperately needed and requires Spirit-led decisions. Please pray for us.